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1. Mid-October 1953, work was in progress within the limits of Hungarian territory on the reinforcement of the trunk line Budapest - Szolnok - Debrecen - Uzhgorod - Lvov - Moscow.
2. Reinforcement had become necessary because the lines were overloaded and could not cope with the traffic.
3. The reason for this overloading was that in the Summer of 1953 the Soviet occupation forces caused a number of automatic and semi-automatic exchanges to be set up in the Upper Tisza area and to be connected to the trunk cables.
4. The connections in question were to Soviet garrisons and airfields in the area. They were thus enabled to have direct telephone communication with Moscow, whereas previously they could obtain Moscow only via Budapest.

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